

IN THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

7th day of October, 2014

PRESENT:

ABSENT:

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION DESIGNATING OCTOBER 2014 AS SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS, one in every four women will experience domestic violence during their lifetime;

WHEREAS, one in every fourteen men will experience domestic violence at some point in their lives;

WHEREAS, approximately 15.5 million children in the United States are exposed to domestic violence every year;

WHEREAS, children from violent homes are physically abused or seriously neglected at a rate significantly higher than the national average and have greater risks of alcohol and drug abuse, juvenile delinquency and cognitive and developmental problems;

WHEREAS, home should be a place of warmth, unconditional love, tranquility, and security, and for most of us, home and family can indeed be counted among our greatest blessings. Tragically, for many Americans, because of domestic violence these blessings are tarnished by violence, fear, anxiety and guilt;

WHEREAS, when a family member is abused, the abuse not only has long-term damaging effects on the victim, but also leaves a mark on the victim's family and friends and the community at large;

WHEREAS, the problem of domestic violence is not confined to any group or groups of people, but crosses all economic, racial, gender, educational, religious, and societal barriers;

WHEREAS, our County's Women's Shelters combined provided a variety of preventative and direct services including over 6489 nights of shelter to domestic violence victims last year, as well as 20,963 nights in transitional housing, with over 60% of these shelter nights provided to children;

WHEREAS, approximately 30% of all crime victims served by the San Luis Obispo County District Attorney's Victim/Witness Assistance Center are victims of domestic violence;

WHEREAS, it is important to recognize the compassion and dedication of the individuals who provide services to victims of domestic violence and work to increase public understanding of this significant problem;

WHEREAS, local programs, state coalitions, national organizations, and other agencies nationwide are committed to increasing public awareness of domestic violence and to eliminating it through prevention and education;

WHEREAS, since 1994 the County's Domestic Violence Task Force has been a major ally in directly confronting the problem of domestic violence through interagency collaboration and engaging in prevention and intervention efforts;

WHEREAS, we must join together in our commitment to address the behaviors associated with, and the causes of, domestic violence so that each and every home in our communities can be a place of peace and safety;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the San Luis Obispo County Board of Supervisors designates October 2014 as "SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH" and urge all citizens to observe this month by becoming aware of the tragedy of domestic violence, by supporting those who are working toward its end, and by participating in community awareness efforts.

Upon motion of Supervisor _____,
seconded by Supervisor _____, and on the following
roll call vote, to-wit:

AYES: _____

NOES: _____

ABSENT: _____

ABSTAINING: _____

the foregoing resolution is hereby adopted.

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Chair of the Board of Supervisors of
the County of San Luis Obispo

STATE OF CALIFORNIA,)
County of San Luis Obispo) : ss.

I _____, County Clerk and ex-officio Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, in and for the County of San Luis Obispo, State of California, do hereby certify the foregoing to be a full, true and correct copy of an order made by the Board of Supervisors, as the same appears spread upon their minute book.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of said Board of Supervisors, affixed this 7th day of October, 2014.

(SEAL)

County Clerk and Ex-Officio Clerk
of the Board of Supervisors

By:

Deputy Clerk